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WILDLAND FIRE ENGINES ARRIVE IN MONTANA



Engines being unloaded off of flat-beds after arriving in Montana to help with suppression efforts.

All ten of the wildland fire engines sent to the Lower-48 by the State of Alaska Division of Forestry became assigned and dispatched to incidents within twelve hours of their arrival in Missoula, Montana. Four of the engines are on the Mile Marker 124 Fire, roughly 15 miles southeast of Missoula. The other six are on the Sawmill Complex in the Lolo National Forest, about 60 miles southeast of Missoula. Both fires have Type 2 Incident Management Teams committed and require evacuations and structure protection measures.

Initial attack was light nationally on Tuesday, with 174 new fires reported. The national Preparedness Level remains at its highest, PL-5. Much of the activity is concentrated in Montana and Idaho. Additional information may be found at:

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf> or visit a map to see locations of incidents:
http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/lq_fire2.php

ALASKA FIRE INFORMATION

No new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Tuesday. So far this year, 483 fires have burned over 365,370 acres statewide. No fires are staffed.

ANOTHER PICTURE BELOW



After the long trip from Alaska to Montana, the engines are cleaned off and prepared for assignment.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>